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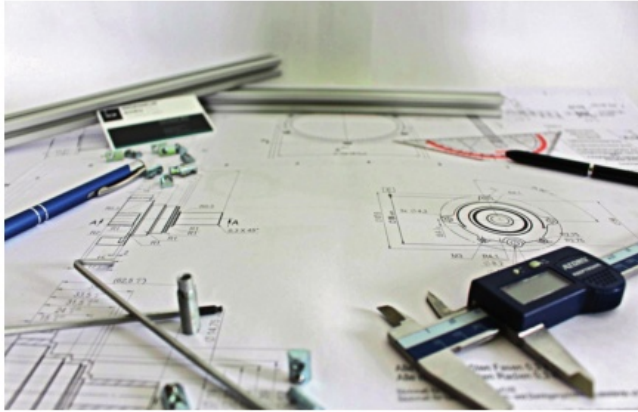
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LANGUAGE BARRIER

It's been 4 years since engineering education in Kannada began, but not a single student has fully pursued course so far

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BRANCHING OUT

A dashboard gives quick overview of tree census's vital information for citizens to provide constructive feedback

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Tiff over user fee of Rs 12 per kg of waste has turned vacant spots and residential areas into dump yards in Kavalbyrasandra; residents awaiting garbage to be cleared for weeks now

REMAINS OF THE DAY

BSWML says norms require payment of user fee

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Residents of Kavalbyrasandra ward, especially flat owners at apartment complexes, have been having a tough time of late. For the last 15 days, garbage has been piling up in the area with no effort to clear it out. The accumulated garbage is not only an eye sore, but has also become a health hazard. They blame Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) officials have made no effort to clear waste from apartment complexes due to a peculiar tiff over fee.

The residents of apartment complexes are livid that the BSWML is demanding that they pay user fees of Rs 12 per kg of waste generated. With the residents refusing to pay the user fees, the BSWML authorities have refused to clear garbage from the apartment complexes thus resulting in accumulation of waste.

"We are facing a lot of problems due to the accumulation of waste. We used to hand over waste to pourakarmikas all these days but they have stopped clearing

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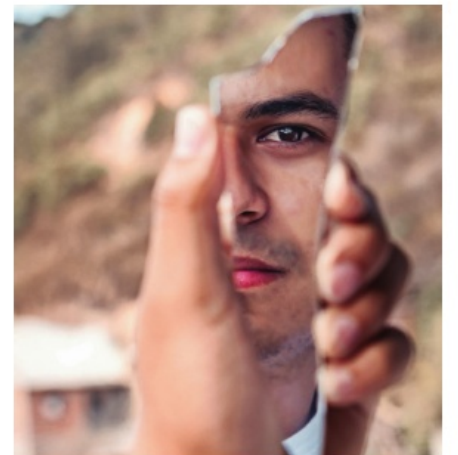


“We had beautified the black spots on LR Bande Road, but the residents from nearby areas continue to dump waste here. We are trying our best to prevent people dumping garbage on the roadside

— Ganesh T, BBMP Marshal

Shallow real, deep fake

Authorities issue warnings on deep fake videos that use prominent personalities' face/voice to scam people



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The rise of deep fakes, AI-generated fake videos and audio has introduced a new dimension to misinformation, privacy invasion, and security threats. Recently the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised an alarm over a deep fake video circulating on social media, falsely portraying Governor Shaktikanta Das endorsing investment schemes. In the face of this and a recent case of use of deep fake videos to dupe an individual in the city, Commissioner of Police B Dayananda also advised the public to be vigilant against the increasing threat of deep fake technology.

"These sophisticated digital manipulations can be used to deceive and defraud unsuspecting individuals. To protect yourselves, please remember to cross-verify information, avoid suspicious calls and links, and be aware of the telltale signs of deepfake media," he said.

On November 19, the RBI issued a public advisory on social media, including X: "We have noticed fake videos circulating on social media featuring the Governor, falsely suggesting the launch or endorsement of certain investment schemes. These videos aim to mislead people into investing

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Fresh from fields

Ragi Kana, Bengaluru's beloved organic and handmade market, as a fitting conclusion to Kannada Rajyotsava week, presents the "Raitha Santhe" (Farmers' Market). Celebrating Karnataka's agricultural heritage, bringing together farmers, fresh produce, and a vibrant cultural programme, the event will also include three engaging programs: live preparation of a special "girit" by Sihi Kahi Chandru; conversations on Kuvempu's Malegalalli Madumagalu by Vanamala Vishwanatha and Prathibha Nandkumar; and an informative talk on ADHD by Dr Nisha Chetana Shetty. **Where:** Ragi Kana, Gottigere **When:** November 24, 10 am to 4 pm



02 Art detective game

Would you like to play Sherlock? Join in for "Crack the Case" at the launch of the Art Detective Cards at NGMA, Bengaluru. Come, pick up the cards (for age groups 6-8 years and 9-10 years, in three languages) at the museum shop on the premises. The clues will lead you on a fun sculpture trail. Enjoy the game and come back for a little surprise. **Where:** National Gallery of Modern Art, Palace Road; **When:** November 24, 4:30 pm

03 Listening circle

Join in for a listening session investigating themes of art & resistance, music & protest at Monsterra

Listening Circle #1 "Art & Resistance" with Ditty, Keno & Firat Yildiz. The artists will share insights into their work and experience, followed by discussion and Q&A. Yildiz's sonic research responds to questions of identity and origins, oppression, faith and social change. Ditty's work lies at the intersections of feminism, ecology and art. Keno's work lies at the confluence of music, culture and activism. **Where:** IME Cinema, Indian Music Experience (IME), JP Nagar; **When:** November 23, 7 pm



Precious first yield

Visitors explore the Kadalekai Parishe (Groundnut fair) on Friday in Basavanagudi, set to be on full display on November 25 and 26

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Engg courses in Kannada fail to reel in students

Lack of student interest threatens closure of select engineering courses being offered in Kannada; these courses have no takers for past 4 years

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Despite the government's efforts to strengthen Kannada in educational fields, especially in engineering courses, students have shown little interest. Opportunities to study engineering in Kannada that have been available for the past four years are now in danger of shutting down.

Although Karnataka offers the chance to study Civil and Mechanical Engineering in Kannada, not a single student has enrolled. The option to pursue an engineering course in Kannada was introduced in the academic year 2020-21. Although 17 students initially expressed interest that year, none ultimately enrolled in college. Similarly, in subsequent years—10 applicants in 2021-22, 30 in 2022-23, and one in 2023-24—initially showed interest but did not attend. This year, two students expressed interest, but they too did not attend classes, reflecting a noticeable lack of enthusiasm for engineering in the Kannada medium.

Insights into lack of interest in regional language

Aligned with the National Education Policy's goal to promote regional languages in technical education, Karnataka introduced engineering courses in Kannada. "However, four years since its introduction, not a single student



'This year, 2 students expressed interest in joining Kannada-medium engineering courses but did not attend classes'

has fully pursued an engineering education in Kannada. Colleges like MIT, SJGSI, and BKIT Bhalki offer this opportunity. Yet, students often hesitate due to concerns over job prospects and limited publicity for Kannada-medium courses. Moreover, fewer students study science in Kannada at the pre-university level, making it harder to find prepared applicants," said an official.

When contacted, Minister of Higher Education Dr MC Sudhakar said, "Students have the free-

dom to study engineering in Kannada if they wish, with complete flexibility in language choice. We're working on strengthening Kannada in higher education to enhance its presence in this competitive world."

Shortage of study materials in Kannada for PU

In Karnataka, the enrollment data for Pre-University (PU) students reveals that the Arts stream has 3,36,986 students, and Com-

merce has 4,41,102 students. The Science stream has the largest enrollment, totalling 5,83,841 students. Among first-year PU students, the overall enrollment is 7,01,336, and in the second year, there are 6,60,593 students. Out of these, only 1,83,203 students are opting to take their exams in the Kannada medium, showcasing the preference for regional language education among a notable portion of the PU student population.

Students in Karnataka typically study in Kannada up to the

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— Official

10th grade but often switch to English in pre-university, largely due to a lack of study materials in Kannada. According to Vithal A, a PU college principal, "Learning in one's mother tongue allows students to understand concepts quickly, but they need adequate study resources. While Kannada textbooks for science are available in PU, students lack the initiative to use them."

Animal activists run pillar to post to treat strays

Volunteers demand better medical facilities at government, BBMP veterinary clinics

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Even as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) launched an initiative aimed at engaging communities to feed street dogs, the dog feeders and volunteers are struggling to get treatment, including MRI scan facilities for injured street dogs. They said that there are government and BBMP veterinary clinics and hospitals, but there is no MRI scanning facility at these places, thus compelling them to take the injured street dogs to private veterinary clinics and hospitals, in turn costing a lot of time and money.

Earlier, the BBMP authorities, in association with hoteliers and animal activists, launched the coexistence champion localities campaign for the benefit of street dogs in the city. Animal activists have welcomed the BBMP's initiative that is aimed at engaging communities to feed street dogs. They further want the BBMP and the State Animal Welfare Department to ensure care and medication for street dogs injured in road accidents.

To cite an instance, Neelam Jeet Kaur, a volunteer, has been struggling to get proper medication at government veterinary hospitals for a dog that was run over by cab in Hennur Traffic Police Station limits. Kaur feeds stray dogs in the locality. "The CCTV footage shows the cab driver running the vehicle over the stray dog. The shocking incident took place on Sunday (Nov 17). Hennur Traffic Police registered a FIR against the car driver on Monday," she said.

Kaur rushed the injured dog to the Veterinary Hospital on Queen's Road. After treatment, the doctors advised her to have an MRI scan for the injured dog. "It is unfortunate that the Veterinary Hospital on Queen's Road does not have the MRI scan facility. I have to take the injured dog to a private veterinary hospital for an MRI scan. I spent around Rs 40,000 in three days for the treatment of the dog," she said.

'BBMP rescue vehicles unavailable 24/7'

Demanding the BBMP authorities to have all facilities at veterinary hospitals for treating injured dogs, Arun Prasad, an animal activist, said, "It is the responsibility of the BBMP authorities to provide medical facilities for injured street dogs.



A dog run over by cab gets treated at a hospital

“Since distance & lack of inpatient facilities make government-run clinics/hospitals a non-viable option, we end up paying for their treatment at private clinics

— Nevina Kamath, citizen volunteer

Though the BBMP launched three rescue vehicles for injured stray dogs, these vehicles are not available 24/7," he said.

Need for better medicare facilities

Describing it as an era of the harassed and overburdened, dutiful citizen volunteer, Nevina Kamath, secretary of Action for Animal Justice, said the BBMP expects citizen carers to feed and provide water to street animals at their own cost and effort, vaccinate them against deadly viral diseases except rabies, and raise awareness on animal rights and the law with residents welfare associations. They are also expected to handle conflicts with antagonistic and often brutish members of the public and struggle at police stations to file cases for crimes and cruelty.

"Since distance and lack of inpatient facilities make the government-run clinics/hospitals a non-viable option, we, caregivers rescue and transport sick and injured animals at our own cost and pay for medical treatment at private clinics too. All this while prevention of cruelty to animals is a core function of the BBMP, and it was supposed to have set up medicare facilities for such fellow creatures in our society half a century ago," she said.

Series of mobile, 2-wheeler theft cases cracked

Police arrested five individuals involved in a series of thefts, including two-wheelers and mobile phones, across the city. The operation, which spanned several days, led to the recovery of stolen property worth Rs 5.50 lakh.

Acting on a complaint, the police apprehended two suspects and recovered the stolen two-wheeler. During interrogation, the duo confessed to their involvement in several other thefts, along with three other accomplices. All three accomplices were nabbed. A total of eight two-wheelers

and 38 mobile police were also seized. This arrest helped in detecting six cases that were registered in the city. The police are working to trace the owners of stolen property.

2 burglars caught: 38 cellphones recovered

In another similar case, the Kamakshipalya Police arrested two individuals involved in a series of two-wheeler and mobile phone thefts, recovering 38 mobile phones and one two-wheeler valued at Rs 6.60 lakh.

A two-wheeler theft case was regis-

tered in the said station on August 3. During a routine vehicle check on October 8, near Pipeline Road Water Tank, the police apprehended a suspect in possession of the stolen two-wheeler. During interrogation, the suspect admitted to stealing the two-wheelers and mobile phones from various locations across the city. The second suspect was also arrested on October 16. The recovered property helped solve seven theft cases registered on the e-Lost portal. Efforts are ongoing to identify the owners of the remaining 31 mobile phones and the two-wheeler.

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Citizens can now shape Bengaluru's tree census

Bengalureans may provide feedback on BBMP's tree enumeration via Tree Census Dashboard, which displays key data on nearly three lakh trees

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Citizens can now share suggestions on the ongoing tree census by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). The 'Tree Census Dashboard' (<https://kgis.ksrsac.in/test/>) offers key statistics and insights, including species, location, condition, and natural resource data for nearly three lakh trees recorded in the city. This platform enables citizens to review vital information and provide constructive feedback.

Officials from BBMP's forest department say the idea behind the dashboard is to seek counsel from citizens to improve the census process. "We have completed counting nearly three lakh trees but still have more than 15 lakh trees left to be counted. We are seeking suggestions on every aspect of the census to improve the process," said BLG Swamy, Deputy Conservator of Forest, BBMP.

Citizens can select a ward to see all the trees that have been numbered so far under the census. If they click on any tree, further details such as tree number, photograph of the tree, and other information logged in the application will be displayed. Any objection against any particular tree or overall process being followed for the census can be raised either through the comment box on the website or by emailing BBMP directly at dcfbbmp12@gmail.com.

Recently, BM wrote about citizens raising concerns about the ongoing census citing some irregularities with the process. They had



(File photo) The dashboard offers insights into aspects such as location, condition, and species

raised issues such as incoherent tree IDs and flowering shrubs being tagged as trees. According to Swamy, the enumerators on the ground are marking trees in consultation with botanists. However, the data is expected to undergo multiple rounds of scrutiny before it is finalised.

"There are botanists on board from both BBMP and contractors. Once counting is done, the data will be checked by contractors' botanists and followed up by our experts. The final data will be published only after these checks," said Swamy.

Census accelerated
According to BBMP officials, the census process has changed gear and is moving at a much faster pace. Moreover, although the civic agency had decided to cancel ten-

“We have more than 15 lakh trees left to be counted. We are seeking suggestions to improve the process”

— BLG Swamy, BBMP

ders of three zones due to slow progress made by the contractor, it is now contemplating continuing the contract, given the workforce is increased. BBMP had declared that the existing contract for the Mahadevapura, Dasarahalli, and Yelahanka zones will be cancelled and fresh tenders will be floated soon.

"Apart from Mahadevapura, Dasarahalli, and Yelahanka zones,

the census process is moving at a much faster pace now. The agencies are enumerating nearly 25,000 trees every day. The Chief Commissioner is contemplating if the tender should be refloated or if the existing contractor should be awarded a grace period. We had decided to cancel it because the pace at which they were enumerating trees was very slow despite all the support extended by BBMP. Since one contractor is responsible for carrying out the project in six zones, mobilising the workforce and monitoring the process has become difficult. However, the workforce has now been increased and thus we are reconsidering the old contractor instead of floating the tender again, which will be time-consuming," added Swamy.

It's fee fall for waste

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garbage from our apartment complexes. We approached BSWML authorities but they told us to pay the user fees of Rs 12 per kg of waste generated at

our apartment complex. It is too much and we can't afford to pay the fees for the waste accumulated during the last 15 days," said Nityananda S, a resident of Gagan Apartment.

Expressing concern over the

pile of garbage also at vacant places on LR Bande Road, Srinivasa Layout, Abdul Samad, a social activist, blamed the BBMP officials for not making arrangements to clear garbage from buildings on a regular basis. "The BBMP is interested in imposing tax on residents instead of ensuring residential localities are clean. One can find heaps of garbage on LR Bande Road. I want to know what the BBMP Marshals are doing while people are throwing garbage on the road side. The BBMP Marshals must penalise those responsible for throwing garbage on the road and at vacant sites. The BBMP officials must allow street vendors to use footpaths along LR Bande Road. It will help them to earn money and also ensure that the place is clean and neat," said Abdul Samad. He demanded that the BBMP make arrangements to clear the accumulated garbage without any delay.

BBMP Marshal Ganesh T told Bangalore Mirror that it was residents of neighbouring areas who were dumping garbage at a vacant site on LR Bande Road. "We had beautified the black spots on LR Bande Road, but the residents from nearby areas continue to dump waste here. We are trying our best to prevent people dumping garbage on the road side," said Ganesh.



However, BSWML Assistant General Manager Venkatesh R reiterated to BM that residents of apartment buildings must pay the user fees as per the norms. "I came to know that some people engaged by a private contractor used to collect Rs 4,000 per month from Gagan Apartment. It was not authorised by the BBMP or BSWML. Now, I can make arrangements to clear the accumulated waste free of cost but the residents have to pay the user fees as per the norms for the waste they generate in future," he said.

Sex video scam: Prajwal bail plea rejected

The High Court on Friday dismissed a bail petition filed by suspended JD-S leader and the sensational sex video scandal prime accused Prajwal Revanna, the grandson of former PM HD Deve Gowda, in the fourth case registered against him. The court had earlier rejected the former MP's bail pleas in connection with three other cases and the order on the fourth case - involving the alleged rape of a former Zilla Panchayat member at his office - was pending. A bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order in the case, rejecting the bail plea. The former Zilla Panchayat member accused Revanna of sexually assaulting her over three years and recording videos of the act, which was allegedly used to threaten and blackmail her into cooperating with the former MP's demands.

— IANS

Deep fake videos use to cheat gullible

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in fraudulent schemes using advanced technological tools." The RBI urged that neither the Governor nor any officials are associated with or endorse such activities. They clarified that the central bank does not provide financial investment advice of this nature. The public is strongly advised to remain cautious and avoid engaging with or falling victim to these deep-fake videos circulating online.

Scam in Bengaluru

A recent case in Bengaluru highlights this concern, where deep fake videos of prominent Indian business leaders Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy and Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani were used to defraud two individuals. Collectively, they lost approximately 95 lakh to these scams.

Veena, a resident of Banashankari, was among the victims. She encountered a video featuring Narayana Murthy promoting a trading platform, promising high returns. Unaware that the video was a deep fake, she clicked the link and provided her contact details. Soon after, an individual posing as an agent reached out and persuaded her to invest. Initially, she invested ₹1.4 lakh using her credit card and saw a profit of ₹8,000, which boosted her confidence. Encouraged by this, she invested an additional ₹6.7 lakh but never received any returns.

Later, Veena came across another advertisement on Instagram promoting a work-from-home opportunity. She was told she could earn substantial income by giving ratings on the ASOS platform. Trusting the platform, she invested ₹67 lakh. Although her portal showed a profit of ₹55,000, attempts to withdraw the money were met with demands for high taxes. After paying, she was unable to contact anyone involved.

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Kannada chamber calls for clear jury guidelines for film awards

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There have been disagreements and dissatisfaction regarding the selection of films for awards. The primary issue raised was the lack of clear guidelines for appointing jury members for the National Film Awards, as well as for the jury's process of choosing films for the awards. Some directors and producers have even approached the court challenging the inclusion of certain films for

national or state recognition.

The Karnataka High Court, while hearing a writ petition filed by the Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, issued an oral order on November 13 to the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and National Film Development Corporation to consider the representation submitted by the Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, by the law, within four weeks from the receipt of the certified copy of the order.

The Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, in a letter to

Sanjay Jha, Secretary of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has opined that the National Film Awards jury members must be provided with clear guidelines to assess films in alignment with nation's values of unity, integrity and social harmony. "Films that promote harmful content, such as violence, superstition, should be excluded from consideration. Instead, the focus should be on recognising films that have a positive social impact, thus ensuring the integrity of the awards," the letter read.

No CSR funds for TenderSure roads

Funding issues delay private firms' road maintenance plans; foundation steps in to manage initiative under "Namma Bengaluru Namma Koduge"

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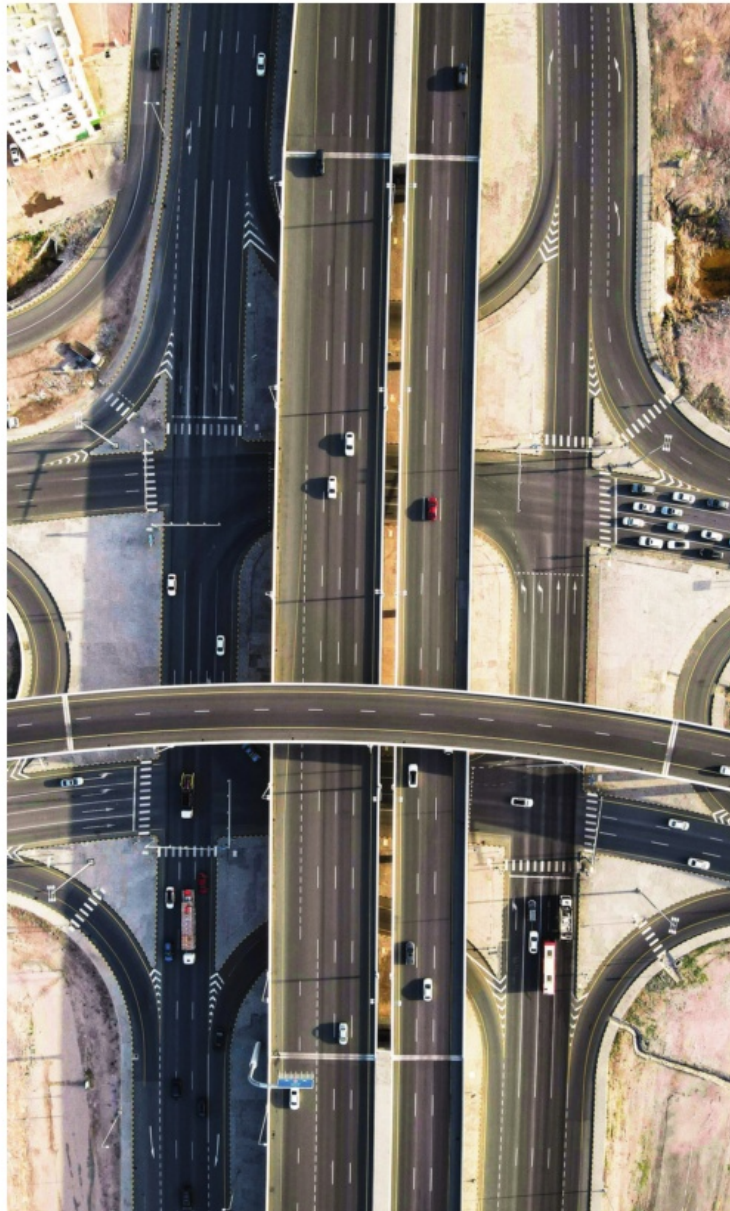
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For the first time in Bengaluru, 12 roads developed under the TenderSure model attracted interest from private firms for their maintenance. However, plans to use Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds for this purpose have hit a roadblock, as the Registrar of Companies (RoC) has raised objections.

Sources said that as part of the Brand Bengaluru initiative, the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) had proposed entrusting the maintenance of pedestrian pathways to reputed private firms using CSR funds. This decision was based on public feedback and aimed at saving municipal resources while encouraging private

TenderSure roads cover 13.41 km

The TenderSure roads collectively span a total length of 13.41 kilometres, comprising several key routes in the city. Residency Road extends 2 kilometres from Richmond Circle to MG Road, while Richmond Road covers 2.7 kilometres from Trinity Circle to Richmond Circle. Museum Road connects Richmond Road to St Mark's Road for 1.2 kilometres, and Vittal Mallya Road runs 0.9 kilometres between Siddalingaiah Circle and ITC Gardenia. St Mark's Road spans 0.6 kilometres from Residency Road to Richmond Road. Cunningham Road stretches 1.47 kilometres from Ambedkar Veedhi to Sankey Road. KG Road runs 1.1 kilometres from Hudson Circle to Mysore Bank Circle, while Nrupatunga Road covers 0.8 kilometres from KR Circle to Hudson Circle. Modi Hospital Road is 1.02 kilometres long, connecting the West of Chord Road Junction to Shankarmutt Junction. Church Street spans 0.66 kilometres from St Mark's Road to Brigade Road, and Museum Cross Road covers 0.36 kilometres, linking MG Road to St Joseph's High School.



Official says, maintaining 12 TenderSure Roads costs Rs 4 crore

participation through the "Namma Bengaluru Namma Koduge" (Our Bengaluru, Our Contribution) campaign. Following this plan, an invitation for CSR-backed maintenance of TenderSure roads was issued, receiving responses from four private firms. To ensure clarity, BBMP's Executive Engineer for Road

Infrastructure wrote to the RoC seeking guidance on allowing CSR funds for TenderSure road maintenance. However, RoC officials stated that the matter required clarification from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, delaying the implementation of the "Namma Bengaluru Namma Koduge" initiative.

Annual maintenance costs 4 crore

A BBMP official said, "Maintaining the 12 TenderSure roads in central Bengaluru costs BBMP approximately 4 crore annually. The civic body had decided to outsource this responsibility to private firms to reduce expenditure, but the RoC's lack of approval for CSR fund usage has created setbacks. Under the "Namma Bengaluru Namma Koduge" programme, BBMP has planned to allow private entities to adopt key junctions, medians, lakes, and parks for maintenance. For the TenderSure roads, private firms had expressed interest. However, their participation is now uncertain due to the CSR funding issue."

Private firms taking up road maintenance under the program must comply with specific guidelines to ensure quality and safety. They are required to implement necessary safety measures during maintenance works and repair any damages caused in the process. Firms must obtain prior approval from BBMP before digging roads or pedestrian pathways. They are also tasked with replacing interlocking tiles and bollards in cycle lanes and repainting them, maintaining decorative plant fences, and replacing damaged stormwater drain grates. Cleaning silt from circular drains using advanced suction technology, replacing broken streetlights, and undertaking beautification projects are additional responsibilities. In return, these firms are allowed to display their logos at four prominent locations per kilometre of the roads they maintain.

An official added, "Following the Registrar of Companies' rejection of clarifications regarding the use of CSR funds, a foundation has stepped forward to manage three roads under the "Namma Bengaluru Namma Koduge" program without utilising CSR funds. Despite regulatory hurdles, the initiative is progressing with limited private participation, keeping the vision of enhanced road maintenance alive."

Panel for ensuring road quality

Following criticism of the poor quality of road construction, BBMP has announced the formation of a high-level committee under the leadership of the Chief Engineer to develop a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and handbook for road construction, upgradation, and maintenance across its jurisdiction. With a vast road network spanning approximately 12,878.78 kilometres, including high-density corridors, arterial and sub-arterial roads, and zonal-level roads, the initiative aims to ensure roads are scientifically designed, technically sound, and durable. A BBMP official said, "During a recent review meeting chaired by the Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka, the need for uniform road development based on scientific and technical parameters aligned with vehicular density was emphasised. Following these directions, the BBMP has undertaken the task of creating a comprehensive SOP and handbook to guide the design, construction, and maintenance of roads. The primary responsibilities of the committee include designing roads, estimating construction and maintenance costs, determining resurfacing intervals based on vehicular density, planning effective drainage systems, formulating guidelines for road elevation, and establishing standards for thermoplastic paint usage and its renewal cycles."

The committee, chaired by the BBMP's Chief Engineer, comprises members such as the Chief Engineer (Planning-Central), the CEO of BSWML (Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited), the Superintendent Engineer (Electrical), professors from Indian Institute of Science, and representatives from World Resources Institute (India). The Deputy Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure) will serve as the Member Secretary. The committee will convene bi-monthly meetings, on the first and third Wednesdays, to work on drafting the SOP and handbook. The final handbook, encompassing all specified objectives, is expected to be completed and released by December 15, 2024.

STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

SERENE AND VIRIDESCENT

The lush greenery inside a coffee estate in Madikeri

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Nelagadarahanahalli road widening in two months

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Nelagadarahanahalli, a key road that connects Tumakuru Road with Magadi Road via an eighth-mile junction, has been in a pathetic state for a long time. Following public outcry, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath instructed officials to expedite the widening of Nelagadarahanahalli Main Road in the Dasarahalli zone and complete the project within two months. He reviewed various works in the Dasarahalli zone on Friday, where he mentioned that the Nelagadarahanahalli road, which stretches for 2.45 km from Tumakuru Main Road to Ganga International School, is being widened from the existing 30-40 feet to 60 feet. Already, 1.2 km of the road has been widened and asphalted, while work is ongoing for the remaining 1.25 km. The Chief Commissioner directed officials to accelerate the project to ensure its timely completion. Regarding the land acquisition for the road widening project, a total of 173 property owners are eligible to receive Transferable Development Rights (TDR). "Of these, 16 property owners have already been issued TDR, and 85 others have submitted their documentation. Additionally, four properties are government-owned. I have asked officials to expedite the issuance of TDRs to the remaining property owners to ensure smooth progress in the project," he said.

Nath said that in addition to the road works, the development of Abbigere Lake, located on 45 acres, is progressing with an investment of Rs 4.5 crore. The construction



Nath reviewed asphalt work in Havanur Layout, & surrounding areas as well

of fencing, toilets, security personnel quarters, and the entrance gate is still pending. The Chief Commissioner stressed that these works should be completed promptly. Furthermore, a section of the lake's culvert was damaged during the monsoon, and Rs 1.05 crore has been allocated for its repair. The Chief Commissioner instructed officials to begin the repair of the culvert, as well as the construction of an RCC wall for the storm-water drain, before the next monsoon and to complete all works within the stipulated

“I've asked officials to expedite TDR issuance to remaining property owners to ensure smooth progress

— Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Commissioner

time. Nath also inspected Abbigere Park, which spans six acres and is currently under a tendering process for maintenance. Further inspections revealed issues with water drainage along a newly asphalted road near RK Enclave in Shettyhalli. He instructed officials to install appropriate gratings to prevent waterlogging on the road and ensure proper drainage.

The Animal Birth Control (ABC) centre in Shettyhalli was also visited during the inspection. The centre is undergoing repairs and painting, with an investment of Rs 33 lakh. The Chief Commissioner also noted that the dry waste collection unit in the area was incomplete and ordered its rapid completion and operationalisation. In addition, the Chief Commissioner reviewed asphalt work in the Nagasandra Havanur Layout, where the BBMP had previously conducted underground drainage repairs. He also inspected the ongoing asphalt work in Shettyhalli and Bagalagunte wards, which is nearing completion with an investment of Rs 25 crore. Lastly, the removal of a compound wall of a crematorium on Abbigere Forest Road, will be addressed by the contractor immediately.

DID YOU KNOW?



The melodies of humpback whales are renowned for being exquisite and extremely complicated. Although they have also been seen singing at their feeding grounds, the males are the ones who produce these sounds most frequently during the breeding season. The phrases that makeup humpback whale songs each have a distinct melody and rhythm. Long and complex songs are made by combining and repeating these phrases in different ways. Over time, humpback whales' songs change as new phrases and variations are added and dispersed across the community. This implies that whales pick up and mimic other people's songs as a means of cultural transmission. Although the precise function of humpback whale songs is still unclear, it is thought to have several purposes, such as luring potential mates, creating social relationships, and protecting territory. Humpback whales are believed to have evolved the ability to sing complex melodies in order to successfully communicate in their aquatic habitat and compete for mates.

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What are some native Bengaluru eateries that you treasure?



Jayita, BM Reader

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Sanjana S, BM Reader

Two of the Bengaluru eateries that I treasure are CTR, a good breakfast place, and Vasavi chaat, another local chaat place. My fondest memory is having breakfast there with my father every morning.



Shrihari S, BM Reader

One of the places that I like to go for breakfast is SLV Ragigguda in JP Nagar. They make very nice khara baths and very nice dosas. Khara bath there won some prizes, second best khara bath in Bengaluru.



Ajith Kumar, BM Reader

I absolutely treasure the Siddappa Hotel near Cubbon Park. The Siddappa Hotel is next to a temple and is an open restaurant. You get khali dosas, crispy dosas, and all varieties of dosas. They taste authentic.



Shreyas, BM Reader

Some of my favourite native Bangalorean eateries are Vidyarthi Bhavan and Hari Super Sandwich. Hari Super Sandwich has amazing sandwiches, some of which are American corn and peanut butter chocolate sandwich.



Shresta Kaundinya, BM Reader

One of my favourite native Bangalorean eateries is MTR. There's one branch that's very close to my house, and so my family and I end up eating there a lot. It's very good South Indian cuisine that just hits home.

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Charlotte de Witte captivates Bengaluru

Bengaluru was cast under a spell on Friday by enigmatic techno queen Charlotte de Witte. Her performance at the Sunburn Arena was not just a concert; it was a transcendental experience, a sonic journey into the depths of electronic music.

The venue was transformed into a haven for techno enthusiasts, bathed in a mesmerising blend of lights and sound. As the night progressed, de Witte seamlessly wove together a tapestry of tracks, each one more intense than the last. The crowd, a diverse mix of techno aficionados, swayed and danced, their bodies moving in unison to the pulsating rhythm.

The setlist was a masterclass in techno, featuring tracks like 'Age of Love', 'Roar', and 'Overdrive'. Each track was a journey in itself, taking the audience on a rollercoaster of emotions.

The deep, bass-heavy soundscapes created a sense of euphoria, while the intricate patterns and hypnotic melodies transported listeners to another dimension.

"de Witte's performance was nothing short of mind-blowing," said a visibly excited fan. "The energy in the crowd was incredible, and the music was just pure bliss."

What truly sets de Witte apart is her ability to connect with the audience on a profound level. Her intense gaze and focused demeanour create an intimate atmosphere, even in a massive venue.

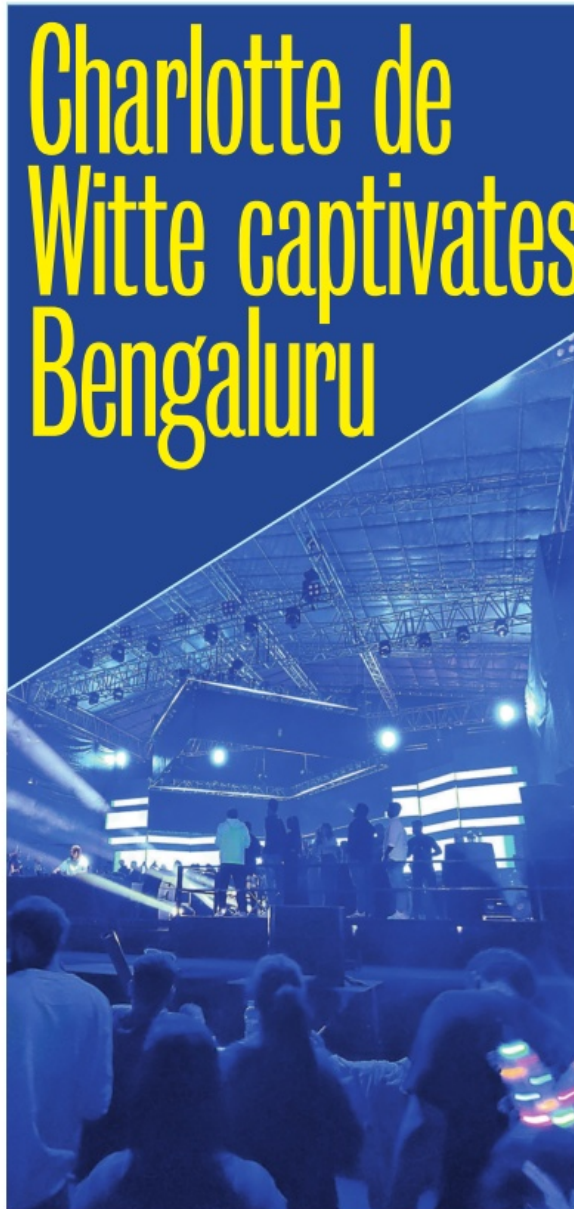
The Sunburn Arena, known for hosting some of the biggest names in electronic music, provided the perfect backdrop for de Witte's performance. The state-of-the-art sound system and stunning visuals enhanced the overall experience, creating an immersive and unforgettable night.

As the night drew to a close, the crowd was left wanting more.

A New Chapter

de Witte's recent tour, a highlight in Sunburn Arena's illustrious history, underscored India's burgeoning love for techno. Joining the ranks of electronic music giants like Black Coffee, Martin Garrix, and Armin Van Buuren, the Belgian DJ's powerful performances resonated deeply with Indian audiences.

Karan Singh, CEO of Sunburn, expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "We're thrilled to have hosted the best of the best in techno, bringing the incredible Charlotte de Witte to India. Her intense music and immersive performances perfectly align with our audience's desires. This tour is a testament to India's thriving techno scene, and we're excited to continue bringing world-class artists to our shores."



Bengalureans find relief in farmlands

There has been a noticeable shift in the lifestyle of many Bengalureans who are now opting for farmland as a means to prioritise wellness and live more sustainably. The hustle and bustle of city life, with its constant rush and stress, has led many to seek refuge in nature, where they can embrace a more balanced and fulfilling lifestyle.

For these individuals, farm living has become a way to foster not just physical well-being but also mental peace, reconnecting with traditional values, and raising children in an environment conducive to holistic development.



One of the key reasons behind this trend is the increasing interest in yoga and physical fitness. "Living in the city often leaves us with little time for ourselves, but on a farm, there's space for yoga, meditation, and a connection to nature that rejuvenates the body and soul," says Anusha, a Bengaluru resident who recently moved to a farm in the outskirts of the city.

Yoga, combined with fresh air and an unhurried lifestyle, promotes mental clarity and emotional well-being. Many are now incorporating these practices into their daily routines, not just as a form of exercise but as a means to cultivate mindfulness and inner peace.

In addition to personal wellness, people are also prioritising activities that promote family bonding and healthy living. The abundance of open space on farms offers opportunities for children to engage in outdoor activities, away from the distractions of screens.

"We wanted our children to experience a balanced upbringing, surrounded by nature, with enough room to explore, play, and learn from the environment," shares Raghav, a father of two who has recently shifted his family to a farm. The farm has given them the opportunity to take part in activities like gardening, animal care, and exploring the natural world. "It's a far cry from the isolated, often stressful environment of city living,"

he adds.

Another significant aspect that draws people to farm living is the pursuit of sustainability. Traditional farming practices that emphasise organic methods, minimal chemical use, and respect for nature's cycles have become an attractive alternative to industrialised farming.

"We've embraced natural farming practices on our farm, where we grow our own food, avoid the use of harmful pesticides, and ensure minimal wastage. It's a small step towards contributing to a sustainable world," says Vijay, a Bengaluru-based entrepreneur who now spends his weekends on his farm. By living in harmony with nature, many are making conscious choices to reduce their carbon footprint and live a more eco-friendly lifestyle.

Furthermore, the need to

maintain a healthy work-life balance has never been more important, and for many, moving to a farm has provided the perfect solution. The rise of remote working has enabled many professionals to work from the comfort of their homes, and for those living on farms, this often means blending work with nature.

"I have found that my productivity has improved since moving to the farm. The tranquility and natural surroundings provide an ideal backdrop for focusing on work, without the stress of traffic and office politics," shares Manisha, a tech professional who has embraced remote work on her farm.

The shift to working from rural locations allows people to prioritise both their career and personal wellness, without the pressure of urban life.

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Socio-economic and real estate highlights

Bengaluru ranks second in the index, closely following Hyderabad. The city boasts the highest workforce participation rate and lowest unemployment rate among the top six cities analysed. The city's residential real estate market has shown remarkable momentum. Bengaluru's economic profile has remained resilient, reflected in a record residential sales volume of 54,046 units in 2023—a nine-year high.

Commercial real estate leadership

Bengaluru continues to dominate India's office market, contributing 21% of overall commercial transactions across major cities. Between 2019 and

Comparative insights

- IT services transaction volume (2019–2023): Bengaluru leads with 24.17 million sq. ft., followed by Hyderabad (17.42 mn sq. ft.) and Delhi-NCR (9.04 mn sq. ft.).
- Office stock addition (2019–2023): Bengaluru tops with 66.3 million sq. ft., outpacing Hyderabad (41.9 mn sq. ft.) and Delhi-NCR (34.9 mn sq. ft.).
- Office transactions CAGR (2019–2023): Bengaluru leads at 13.4%, reflecting strong occupier demand and stable leasing activities.

2023, the city added 66.3 million square feet of new office stock, the highest among its peers. Bengaluru's office leasing volume in 2023 surpassed its 10-year average, recording 12.5 million square feet.

Bengaluru recorded the highest IT services transaction volume, totaling 24.17 million

square feet, reflecting its preeminent role in India's technology landscape.

Challenges and resilience

Despite governance and urban planning challenges affecting public services, Bengaluru retains its position as a preferred destination for talent and investments. Its diversified economy—spanning IT, education, research and development, and consulting—continues to attract multinational firms and domestic enterprises alike.

Strong contender for global investments

With a dynamic service sector, a young and skilled workforce, and a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem, the city is poised for sustained growth. While Hyderabad emerges as a strong competitor, Bengaluru remains a cornerstone of India's economic and real estate narrative, setting benchmarks for other cities.

Upcoming Phase 3 metro line may dent real estate affordability in South Bengaluru

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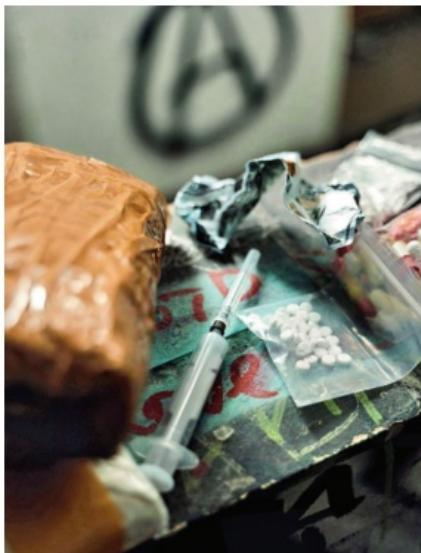
As Bengaluru gears up for New Year celebrations, authorities are tightening their grip to combat the growing drug menace in the city. City Police Commissioner B Dayananda, in a weekly meeting with reporters, urged law enforcement to adopt a zero-tolerance approach against drug-related activities.

Citywide drug busts

In a significant crackdown on the drug trade, the police officials have seized 320.56 kg of ganja and approximately 1.734 kg of other drugs, including MDMA crystals and cocaine, totally valued at Rs 6.26 crore.

Govindapura Police arrested three individuals on January 21, 2024, for trafficking banned ganja. Acting on a tip-off, the police intercepted a car in HBR Layout and seized 318 kg of the illicit substance, valued at Rs 3.25 crore. Additionally, they confiscated a car and three mobile phones. Investigations revealed that the accused smuggled ganja from Odisha and Andhra Pradesh at low prices, intending to sell it at high profits in Bengaluru. It was found that the accused are notorious criminals wanted in Kerala for multiple drug thefts, attempted murder, and other crimes and also have been registered under the Gunda Act. A case was registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

In another case, the Electronic City



The Police Commissioner has urged officials to adopt a zero-tolerance approach against drug activities in city

Police have arrested two individuals for allegedly selling ganja in Bettadasanapura. The authorities seized two kg 560 grams of ganja, a weighing machine, and a mobile phone, valued totally at Rs 1 lakh. Upon interrogation, the suspects revealed that they were procuring the banned substance from another supplier at a lower price for resale. A case has been registered under the NDPS Act at the Electronic City Police Station. Investigations are ongoing to trace

the primary supplier and dismantle the larger network involved in drug trafficking.

Officials nab foreign drug peddlers in city

The Anti-Narcotics Squad of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) arrested two foreign nationals involved in a high-value drug trafficking operation in Bengaluru. Acting on a tip-off, the CCB officials on Wednesday raided a residence in Hessarghatta. During the raid, officers seized an array of banned substances, including one kg 520 grams of MDMA crystal, 202 grams of cocaine, and 12 grams of MDMA ecstasy pills. Additionally, two mobile phones, an electronic weighing machine, and other paraphernalia used in the illicit trade were confiscated. The total haul is valued at a staggering Rs 3 crore.

In another similar case, the two foreign nationals were arrested and handed over to the Soladevanahalli Police Station. The two accused had arrived in India five years ago on medical visas and sourced drugs at low prices from African-based contacts in Mumbai and Delhi. They then sold these substances at exorbitant rates, ranging from Rs 12,000 to Rs 15,000 per gram, primarily targeting college students and IT/BT professionals in Bengaluru. Preliminary investigations revealed that both accused were previously involved in similar drug trafficking cases in Mumbai and Hyderabad and were out on bail. Their involvement in a larger network of international drug syndicates is also under scrutiny.

Advocate alleges bias in Yediyurappa cases

A legal professional from Karnataka High Court has addressed concerns to Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna regarding the Supreme Court's management of corruption cases involving former Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa. In his letter, advocate Sachin S Deshpande pointed out apparent judicial bias, referencing multiple cases since 2017 where investigations against Yediyurappa were stayed without proper justification.

The advocate expressed concerns about the consistent pattern of granting stays and prolonged hearing delays, particularly in instances where the prosecution sought to challenge HC rulings favouring Yediyurappa. "Should Yediyurappa seek a stay on corruption investigation against him, it is granted almost immediately by the Supreme Court. However, when the prosecution—the Government of Karnataka and the Anti-Corruption Bureau—approach the SC to impugn judgements of the HC that have quashed criminal proceedings against Yediyurappa under the Prevention of Corruption Act, the SC never addresses the prosecution's request for stay of the impugned judgement—for years, to date," Sachin wrote. —BMB

Mother kills 2 kids, tries to die by suicide

A 3-year-old and a 7-year-old were allegedly killed by their mother on Thursday night. The police said the mother strangled the kids to death before attempting suicide. She is currently receiving treatment and is reported to be out of danger. The accused, identified as Mamata, had a heated argument with her husband, Sunil Kumar Sahu (30), and was preparing to leave for her hometown following the dispute. After committing the crime, at around 9:30 pm, Mamata sent her husband a photo of herself with a self-inflicted neck wound. Alarmed, Sunil rushed back home to find his two children—Shambhu Sahu (7) and Siya Sahu (3)—lifeless and Mamata bleeding from her own injury. She reportedly confessed to killing the children. —BMB

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THAT'S AWKWARD

Philosopher's 5 strategies to navigate awkwardness with grace

The holidays offer many opportunities for awkward moments. Political discussions, of course, hold plenty of potential. But any time opinions differ, where estrangements have caused lingering rifts, or when behaviors veer toward the inappropriate, awkwardness can set in.

Awkwardness is what happens in social interactions when you suddenly find yourself without a script to guide you through. Maybe the situation is new or catches you off guard. Maybe you don't know what's expected of you, or you aren't sure what role you're playing in the social drama around you. It's characterized by feelings of self-consciousness, uncertainty and discomfort.

As a philosopher who studies moral psychology, I'm interested in awkwardness because I wanted to understand the ways social discomfort stops people from engaging with difficult topics and challenging conversations. Awkwardness seems to inhibit people, even when their moral values suggest they should speak up. But it has a positive role to play, too – it can alert people to areas where their social norms are lacking or outdated.

People often blame themselves

when things take a turn toward the awkward. But awkwardness is really a collective failure – people aren't awkward, situations are. And they become awkward because you don't have the resources to navigate your way through tricky social situations.

Awkwardness is often confused with embarrassment, but the two are different in important ways, and so are their remedies. Embarrassment is a response to a personal failing or gaffe, and the right response is to acknowledge it, own it and move on. Because awkwardness is caused by a lack of social guidance, you can try to anticipate and head it off before it happens, or you can respond to it by trying to develop better or clearer social scripts to help you – and others – navigate similar situations in the future.

After researching and writing an entire book on awkwardness, I've come to the conclusion that it's not something we can – or should – avoid altogether. But there are a few strategies people can use to minimise awkwardness and deal with it when it does, inevitably, happen.

1 Know your goals, know your roles

Uncertainty is the oxygen of awkwardness. Before you engage in a potentially awkward or contentious interaction, ask yourself: What do I want to get out of this?

When you're clear on your goals for the interaction, not only are you better able to perform your role in it, but you're also giving clearer signals to others, helping them perform their roles

in the unfolding social drama.

So, if you're worried it'll be awkward when your uncle starts in on his annual political rant, think about what you want the outcome to be. Do you want to convince him he's wrong? Unlikely to happen. Do you want other family members to feel less anxious? Do you want your own views to be heard?

I'm not suggesting that some forethought will make things go smoothly or guarantee that no one's feelings will be hurt. But it will help you feel more confident in your ability to navigate toward your desired outcome.

2 There's no 'I' in awkward

Awkward situations breed intense self-consciousness. This is both uncomfortable and counterproductive. By focusing on yourself, you're not attuned to the people around you or the signals they're sending – signals that could offer you a pathway out of the awkward situation. So make sure you're paying attention to the other players in the drama, not just your own discomfort.

3 Plan, coordinate and be explicit

People do so much planning in other areas of their lives, yet they expect social interactions to just flow effortlessly. But like a vacation or a hike in the woods, sometimes a conversation goes better when you approach it with a map. Have some go-to topics or questions at hand.

And you don't have to go it alone. If you're worried about

broaching a sensitive topic, or interacting with a particularly prickly guest, coordinate with a friend or relative. If you expect to see someone with whom you have an unresolved relationship – an estranged family member, an old friend you ghosted – try to do some prep work in advance. Emails or letters can give people a chance to process reactions without putting them on the spot.

Even having a scripted activity on deck can make things less awkward. It doesn't have to be anything formal, like a board game. Just keep some tasks available for guests who might otherwise lurk uncomfortably – like shaking up the salad dressing or putting forks on the table.

4 Laugh it off

If, despite your best efforts, awkwardness does strike, offer people a way out – they'll probably grab it. This doesn't need to be momentous; it could be a little joke, a small-talk topic, or even – and only if things get very desperate – knocking a spoon off the table to break the silence.

5 Consider the alternatives

These strategies might help you avoid awkwardness. But take a moment to consider whether you really want to. Awkwardness is the result of social uncertainty; it slows things down and curbs your confidence. In its absence, other emotions can set in. Having things out in the open can be a relief, but it can also lead to anger, sadness and other feelings that might best be saved for another occasion.

So if things are awkward, it's worth looking around to see what role awkwardness is playing, and what might take its place if it's gone.

Alexandra Plakias, Hamilton College, *The Conversation*



All you need to know about...

Bariatric surgery

Safe intervention

Metabolic and bariatric surgery is a potent and safe intervention for patients with a body mass index (BMI) exceeding 70, finds a study on Friday.

Who undergoes the surgery?

The popular weight loss surgery is majorly done in people with a BMI of 35 and above, and when diet and exercise haven't worked. People with serious health problems because of weight are also likely to undergo the surgery. There is no accepted maximum BMI value considered to be prohibitive for those in need of bariatric surgery. However, it is commonly known that an increased BMI can raise the risk of post-surgical complications.

Low rate of complications

The research led by a team from the Pennington Biomedical Research Centre in the US analysed the data of 84 patients with excess obesity who received metabolic or bariatric surgery. The findings, published in the *Journal of Obesity Surgery*, showed that the surgery-based obesity treatment led to low rates of complications 30 days post-operation.

"Patients with this level of obesity represent a growing demographic and one that requires nuanced care. The good news is, though these patients may be considered high risk due to their BMIs, bariatric and metabolic surgery remain largely safe for these patients," said Dr. Florina Corpodean, postdoctoral researcher and surgical research fellow at Pennington Biomedical.

How surgery helps

With the escalating prevalence of obesity, healthcare providers are increasingly managing patients with a BMI exceeding 70. The procedure alters the stomach and intestines to help with weight loss. It also helps treat obesity-related metabolic disorders. The researchers showed that the severely obese patients had a robust weight loss following their metabolic or bariatric surgery. Importantly, the results were durable up to one year following the operation.

— IANS

When in land of Nawabs



Tamannaah Bhatia expresses her love for Lucknowi sweet

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia has professed her love for "malai makhan" while she was in Lucknow, the City of Nawabs.

The actress took to her Instagram stories, where she was seen sitting in the backseat of the car and making a very happy face looking at the plate full of "malai makhan", a sweet snack made from milk cream during the winters. "Couldn't have left Lucknow without malai Makhan," she wrote as the caption.

Talking about the silky sweet delicacy, it is prepared in many parts of Uttar Pradesh especially in cities of Kanpur, Varanasi and Lucknow. In Delhi, it is known as Daulat ki Chaat.

The actress then shared a string of pictures of herself dressed in a gold and white outfit from the promotions of her upcoming project "Sikandar Ka Muqaddar". She wrote: "Look I don't have diamonds, I am a golden girl."

Her friend and actress Kajal Aggarwal heaped praise on Tamannaah as she took to the comment section and wrote: "Arre heere toh aap ho." Tamannaah will next be seen in 'Sikandar Ka Muqaddar', helmed by Neeraj Pandey. It is set to premiere on Netflix on November 29. The film also stars Jimmy Shergill, Avinash Tiwary and Rajiv Mehta in pivotal roles.

"Sikandar Ka Muqaddar" unfolds a gripping tale of a heist, a relentless police officer, and a pursuit that spans 15 years, offering a thrilling mix of high-stakes drama. The thriller delves into crime, obsession, and the pursuit of justice.

—IANS

An awkward encounter



Amid brewing controversy, stars Nayanthara and Dhanush bumped into each other at a wedding, where they chose to ignore each other. The video has now gone viral.

The two bumped into each other on November 21. According to reports, a security firm posted a video of Nayanthara, who was attending the wedding dressed in a pink saree, was accompanied by her husband Vignesh. The actor was seen sitting in the front row at the wedding and chatting with other guests.

Soon the camera panned towards Dhanush, who was sitting in the front row too, on the other end of the aisle. The clip went viral on social media platforms.

Nayanthara and Dhanush have been embroiled in a controversy over her Netflix documentary titled "Nayanthara: Beyond The Fairytale", which dropped on November 18. The actress had penned an open letter in which she revealed that Dhanush sent her a legal notice demanding Rs. 10 crore for alleged copyright infringement as the documentary features BTS footage from his production "Naanum Rowdy Dhaan".

She wrote the letter on November 16, when the actress called out Dhanush after he sent a legal notice to her seeking compensation over the use of certain clips in the documentary without authorisation.

—IANS

A well-made movie for all



business, and Manja (Poornachandra Mysuru), a cab driver who craves to own a car. Suri tries his best to get the ticket for the election, but the political party selects another candidate who has financial resources. They visit a bar and restaurant on the outskirts of the city to celebrate Satish's birthday. While returning they meet with an accident. Satish succumbs to injuries. Rocky (Prabhu Mundukur), a spoiled brat who was driving the car, assures to give Rs 40 lakh to Satish's family. You have to watch the movie to know what happens to Suri and Manja.

As far as the performances of the actors are concerned, all of them have outdone

each other in proving their mettle. It is nice to see Sunil Raoh on the silver screen after a long gap. As an affectionate and concerned son and loving brother, he has excelled. Rakesh Adiga, who debuted in Sandalwood with Josh in 2009, is good as an angry young man and a true friend. His dialogue delivery and gestures deserve

appreciation. Poornachandra Mysuru, as a hapless cab driver and obedient and sincere lover, has acted well. Teju Belawadi, Rekha Kudligi, Shine S Shetty provide good support. Veteran character actor Nagendra Sha, as an amnesia patient, is at his best.

The movie is worth a watch for all audiences.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

MARYADE PRASHNE

3.5 RATING ★★★★★

- **DIRECTOR** Nagaraj Somayaji
- **ACTORS** Rakesh Adiga, Sunil Raoh, Poornachandra Mysuru, Prabhu Mundukur, Shine S Shetty
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 120 minutes

Maryade Prashne (meaning a matter of respect) is different from the other movies released this year. Director Nagaraj Somayaji has made sure that his movie connects to all categories of audiences by ensuring elements such as emotions, love, action, and crime. The movie also showcases the value of friendship and sacrifices made by close friends for each other.

The movie is about three young men Suri (Rakesh Adiga), a prospective candidate to contest to the BBMP Council, Satish (Sunil Raoh), who works as a food delivery executive to look after his parents and sister after incurring a loss in a printing press

Thrilling game of money

The movie throws some light on how money disappears from bank accounts and how stock markets and businessmen work in Mumbai. Director Eashvar Karthic has succeeded in making a thrilling action-crime flick, giving equal screen space to Satyadev Kancharana and Dhananjay.

The movie revolves around Surya (Satyadev Kancharana), a bank employee who wants to buy a flat. Surya falls in love with Swathi (Priya bhavani Shankar), who is also a bank employee. He is caught in problems while trying to help Swathi who committed a blunder while transferring money from one bank account to another. With the entry of Aditya Devaraj (Dhananjay), a former don and businessman, he has to face a lot of problems. Aditya Devaraj comes to know that Surya is responsible for Rs 5 crore withdrawn from his bank account. At this juncture, the director introduces a flashback scene narrating



ZEBRA

3.0 RATING ★★★★★

- **DIRECTOR** Eashvar Karthic
- **ACTORS** Dhananjay, Satyadev Kancharana, Satyaraj, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Amrutha Iyengar, Sunil
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **Duration** 164 minutes

under what circumstances Aditya Devaraj lost his wife Aradhya (Amrutha Iyengar) and what made him become a businessman. Aditya Devaraj gives a four-day deadline for Surya to return Rs 5 crore. What happens to Surya is what Zebra is all about.

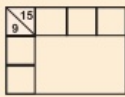
As far as the performances of actors are concerned, Satyadev and

Dhananjay have both done equally well. While Satyadev's character is known for diligence, Dhananjay's character is loving, affectionate, and ruthless against enemies. Priya Bhavani Shankar looks good and has done justice to her selection to play the female lead. Sunil, who graduated as a hero and villain from comedy Satyaraj, as Baba, and Jennifer Piccinato, as Snake Sheela, have given good support. Ravi Basrur has given lilting music and Satya Ponmar has done a good job behind the camera. It is worth a watch, especially for those who prefer thrillers.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

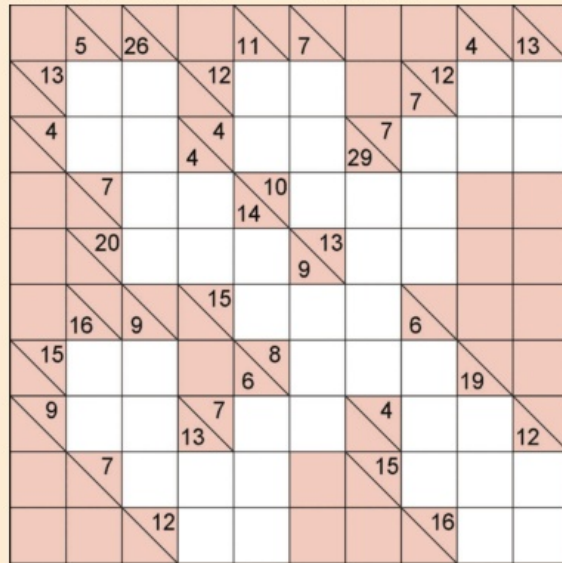
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

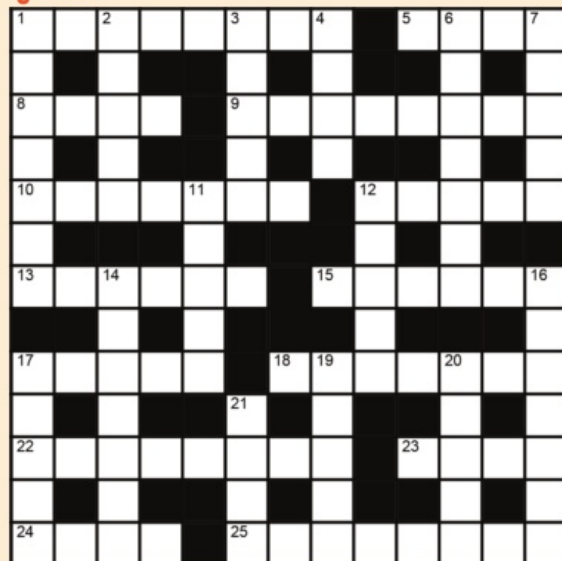


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Most irate (8)
- 5 General location (4)
- 8 Food (informal) (4)
- 9 Meant (8)
- 10 Unbeliever (7)
- 12 Sports groups (5)
- 13 Keep secret or hidden? (4,2)
- 15 Sacredly obscure or secret (6)
- 17 Sightless (5)
- 18 Ideal (7)
- 22 288 to be precise? (3,5)
- 23 City in Odisha (4)
- 24 Cure (4)
- 25 Alleyway or passageway? (8)

DOWN

- 1 Very great distress (7)
- 2 Rough-voiced (5)
- 3 Top people (5)
- 4 In ____ : completely? (4)
- 6 Brilliant (7)
- 7 Governors' assistants (5)
- 11 Asterix's friend Getafix for one? (5)
- 12 Assignment (5)
- 14 Karnataka district known for its trekking trails (7)
- 16 Coal miner (7)
- 17 Product of one baking (5)
- 19 Difficult question (5)
- 20 Heap, hillock (5)
- 21 Naval Off. In Chrg. (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Q EQUALS U
 RY PYE OX USCUR YS RXSXUE.
 WYQ UCX PXBXC GY PXUC
 BKMEYCW UG ZLXP RXSXUEXR
 KP U NYR MUQGX.



Linemaro

Isn't your mail id beautifulgirl@mydreams.com?



Mindchow

You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams



Joke of the day

Waitress: Do you have any questions about the menu?
 Customer: What kind of font is this?

Loop

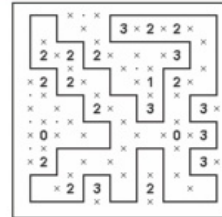
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

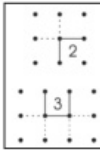
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

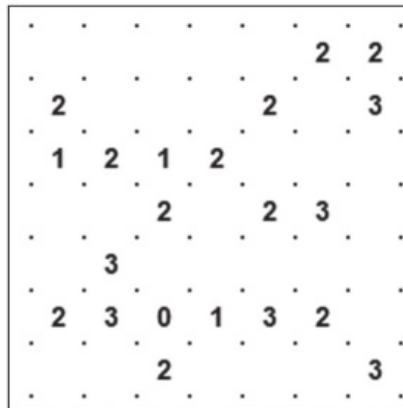
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



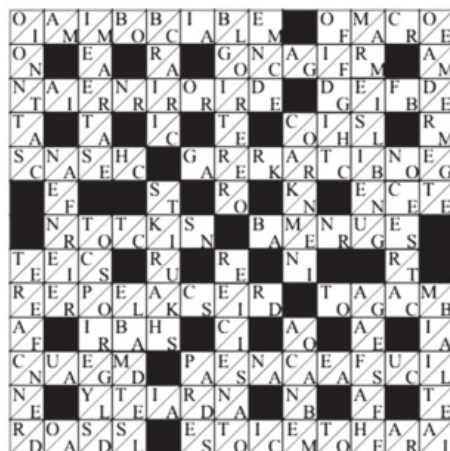
(Fig A)



(Fig B)
Not Allowed



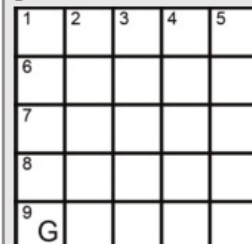
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

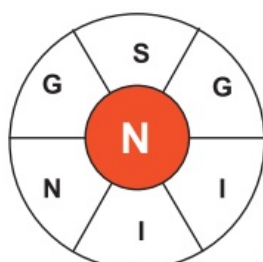
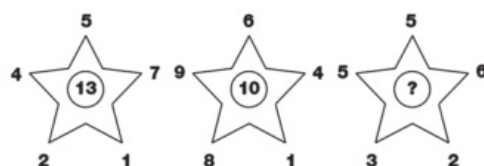
- 1 Haw ad; 6 A tree;
- 7 B Sill; 8 Us kea;
- 9 Hugs Y

DOWN

- 1 Budge; 2 Auk hi;
- 3 At sal; 4 H Lew's;
- 5 Years

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 25

3 5 8 9

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 19

5 6 8 9

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 10

1 4 9 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. Thumb is moved. 4. Chest strap is higher. 5. Tree has more leaves. 6. Cloud is smaller.

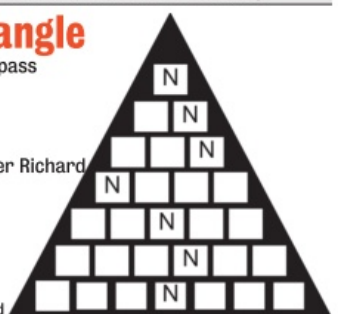
Riddler

A man owned a casino and invited some friends. It was a dark stormy night, and they all placed their money on the table right before the lights went out. When the lights came back on, the money was gone. The owner put a rooster in an old rusty tea kettle. He told everyone to get in line and touch the kettle after he turned the lights off, and the rooster will crow when the robber touched it. After everyone touched it, the rooster didn't crow, so the man told everyone to hold out their hands. After examining all the hands, he pointed out who the robber was. How did he know who stole the money?

Alpha triangle

- 1 North on the compass
- 2 A's alternative
- 3 Took a single
- 4 Not far
- 5 Extent
- 6 Classical composer Richard
- 7 Bicker

Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Popeye



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, you're blessed by the moon; it brings happiness and blesses you with a productive mindset. You'll likely expand your work network and, with elders' blessings, implement new plans to enhance future success. Social gatherings with friends or close relatives may be on the agenda.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, confidence grows with elders' blessings, enhancing your work efficiency. New business innovations may yield benefits, and you may see gains from small investments. Helping those in need could elevate your social standing, and you might bring creative items for your home.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today is favourable for managing finances and savings. You might enjoy enhancing your home with new decor or even renovating your workspace. Family life feels joyous, with lovebirds considering marriage and singles possibly finding a soulmate. Children's academic performance may bring pride.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, a sense of dullness may make you feel sensitive and emotional, along with potential minor health concerns. It is advised to avoid rushing or indulging in risky actions and to stay alert to any hidden adversaries. Patience is advised, especially in romantic relationships, to avoid unnecessary arguments.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today brings a mix of events. You may be busy with children and consider a short trip for their academics. Romance could be in the air, with good news likely for couples. A family or friends' outing could be enjoyable, and job-holders may plan for further education to enhance skills.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you'll feel revitalised, bringing newfound confidence at work. You may discover a path that leads to success, possibly boosting a family business. Chronic health issues could improve, and an overseas trip might be on the cards.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, self-reflection may help you identify areas for improvement and boost your confidence. Disputes in partnerships may be resolved now. Your bond with your spouse may get stronger. Students may find clarity in career choices, and singles might find a suitable match.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today may feel challenging, with some impatience and a lack of focus on your goals. It is advised that you avoid making any fixed asset investments. You are also advised to pay special attention to your parents' health.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today might bring a sense of unease, making you feel upset or impatient. Health concerns may arise, so it is advised that you avoid rash driving and other risky activities. Moreover, stay vigilant of hidden opponents and refrain from engaging in conflicts.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, the moon's blessings bring happiness and productivity. Stalled projects may get back on track, and relationships with your spouse may deepen. Singles could find a soulmate, and lovebirds might consider taking their relationship to the next level. Job seekers could land promising opportunities.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may feel energised and courageous. It's a good day to purchase household essentials. Your inner strength could help you meet deadlines, and any sibling disputes may be resolved. Short work-related trips could expand your network.

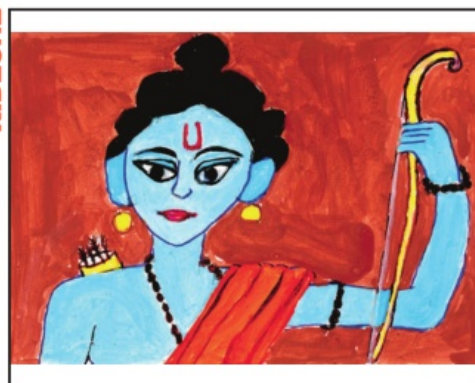


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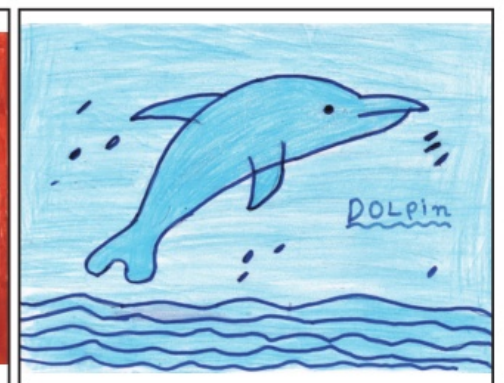
Today, work takes centre stage as you focus intently on professional pursuits, possibly leading to mental fatigue. Family and social engagements may be delayed, though your spouse's support will help maintain harmony at home. Lovebirds might consider serious commitments, and job seekers may find a promising lead.



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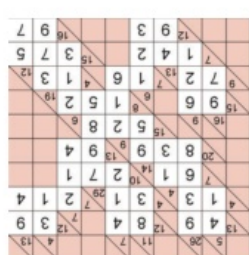
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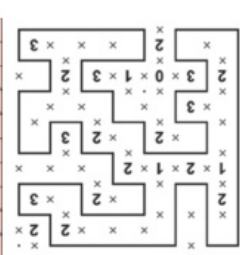
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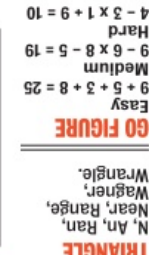
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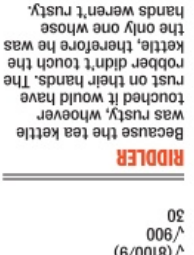
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STRIKE OUT



BUILT'S EYE



SOLVE IN 1M

Biker city: Tips for Bengaluru riders

Bengaluru, the Silicon Valley of India, is not only known for its thriving tech industry but also for its bustling streets filled with the hum of two-wheelers. With one of the highest numbers of two-wheelers in the country, the city has seen an exponential rise in the use of motorcycles and scooters. These vehicles are an affordable, convenient, and efficient mode of transport in a city often marred by traffic jams. However, with the increasing number of two-wheelers on the road, the importance of ensuring safety while riding cannot be overstated. Whether you're commuting to work, running errands, or simply enjoying a ride around the city, following safety precautions is vital to prevent accidents and protect both the rider and others on the road.

Wear protective gear

An expert said, "The most crucial step in ensuring your safety while riding a two-wheeler is wearing the right protective gear. A well-fitted helmet is the most important piece of safety equipment. Helmets protect your head in case of an accident and significantly reduce the risk of severe injuries or fatalities. Ensure that the helmet is ISI certified for better quality and protection. Besides a helmet, wear protective gloves, knee pads, and elbow guards, especially if you're



riding in high-speed zones or during the night when visibility can be poor." They added that wearing a sturdy jacket or riding suit can also offer protection against abrasions and impacts in the event of a fall. Regular maintenance of your two-wheeler is vital for safe riding. Check the tire pressure regularly, as under-inflated tires can reduce grip and control, especially in wet conditions. Ensure that the brakes are working efficiently and that the lights, indicators, and horn are functioning properly. Clean your mirrors frequently to maintain clear visibility of the road and surrounding vehicles. Pay attention to other essential parts like the

clutch, accelerator, and battery, ensuring they are in good working condition. "A well-maintained two-wheeler not only enhances safety but also boosts the overall riding experience," the expert specified.

Follow traffic rules

Experts said that adhering to traffic rules is non-negotiable when it comes to road safety. Always obey traffic signals and signs, and avoid jumping red lights or overtaking from the wrong side. In Bengaluru, where traffic congestion is common, many riders tend to cut lanes or weave through traffic, but this increases the risk of accidents. Stick

to the designated lanes and respect the rights of other road users. Make sure to signal your turns or lane changes well in advance to inform other drivers of your intentions. Never use a mobile phone while riding, as distractions can lead to fatal accidents.

Ride defensively

According to an expert, "Defensive riding is a technique where the rider anticipates potential hazards on the road and takes proactive measures to avoid them. Always be aware of your surroundings and keep a safe distance from other vehicles. Watch out for sudden movements from other road users, such as pedestrians crossing the road or vehicles changing lanes unexpectedly. In Bengaluru, with the ever-growing number of vehicles, you may often encounter aggressive drivers or traffic violations. By riding defensively and staying alert, you can reduce the chances of being involved in a collision."

Avoid riding in bad weather

Experts observed that Bengaluru receives its fair share of rain, especially during the monsoon season. Riding in wet or slippery conditions can be hazardous due to the decreased traction on the road.

During such times, reduce your speed, maintain a longer braking distance, and avoid sharp turns. If the weather becomes too severe, such as during heavy rain or fog, it's best to wait until conditions improve.

Be cautious at night

Riding at night requires extra caution due to reduced visibility and the potential for impaired judgment among other drivers. Make sure that your vehicle's headlights and tail lights are working correctly, and wear reflective clothing or gear to make yourself more visible to others. Avoid speeding and maintain a safe distance from other vehicles. If possible, stick to well-lit roads and avoid poorly lit or isolated areas.

Avoid carrying excess weight

While it may seem convenient to carry large bags or multiple items on your two-wheeler, it's important to remember that excess weight can affect your balance and stability. Use secure backpacks or saddlebags designed for two-wheelers to distribute weight evenly. Carrying heavy loads in an unsafe manner can lead to loss of control. "While riding a two-wheeler in Bengaluru offers unparalleled convenience, it is essential to prioritise safety at all times," added an official.

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